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February 5, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt an Order instructing Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to implement radar speed enforcement on Foothill Boulevard between the City of Glendale boundary at Pennsylvania Avenue and the City of La Canada Flintridge boundary east of Briggs Avenue in the unincorporated area of La Crescenta.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The residents of the unincorporated La Crescenta area and the CHP are concerned about public safety in pursuing speeders with conventional speed enforcement measures and requested the use of radar speed enforcement on this route.

Our study verified that a portion of traffic on this roadway is exceeding the posted speed limit of 40 mph. High-speed surveillance and pursuit exposes the offender, law enforcement personnel, and the general public to increased accident potential. The use of radar will significantly reduce accident potential.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since radar enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit and, therefore, will improve the quality of life in the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Not applicable.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the CHP for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated County area. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the CHP by your Board on October 5, 1993. A key provision of the agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the CHP. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 agreement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The establishment of radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class 1-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

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**CONCLUSION**

At such time as this recommendation may be approved, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel